

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 stand rejected as anticipated by a public use or sale more than one year prior to the filing date and as obvious in light of prior art patents and publications. Independent claims 1, 7, and 13 have been amended to more particularly point out patentable differences between Applicant's invention and the cited references. Applicant has provided a supplemental information disclosure statement that includes all of the information that can be readily obtained about the possible public use or sale of the invention that occurred prior to one year before the filing date in a meeting with the Ohio Turnpike Director.

Claims 1-14 stand rejected under 102(b) as anticipated by material discussed in the meeting with the Turnpike Director. Independent claims 1, 7, and 13 have been amended to include the element of obtaining weather condition information for display on the display boards. Claim 14 already includes this feature. This feature was not discussed in the meeting with the Turnpike Director. Therefore the material from the meeting with the Turnpike Director did not include each element of claims 1, 7, 13, and 14 and these claims are patentable with respect to that meeting.

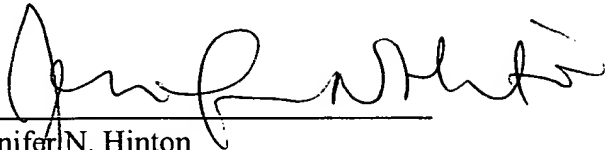
Claims 1-13 are rejected as obvious over the combination of the Triphone article, Saito, and Fritts. Applicant submits that neither reference teaches receiving updated information about road alert conditions and weather conditions and updating stored status information in a travel condition file based upon the updated information as recited in the rejected claims. Saito does not disclose any road condition updates and Fritts does not store the information in a travel condition file, but rather transmits real time updates to displays. Therefore the combination does not teach or suggest the invention claimed in claims 1-13.

Claim 14 is rejected as obvious in light of the above combination in view of Garber. Garber concerns a system for navigating large databases to enable presentation of information in various user friendly formats. There is no suggestion in the above references to look to database technology to design a traveler information board. Therefore the combination is improper and claim 14 is patentable over the art of record.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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